

# FIRST HOPPE-INMAN CONTEST TO BE HERE

Will Play 3,000 Points Each of English Game and Balkline Sept. 23 to Oct. 3.

## COMPROMISE OVER BILLIARDS

Will Be Thirty-second of Inch Larger Than Size Used by Britishers.

Dates for the first two of the series of international billiard contests between Melbourne Inman, champion of English billiards, and William F. Hoppe, champion of the world at all standard styles of balkline, have been announced. The first competition will be held in the grand ballroom of Hotel Astor from September 28 to October 3. It will consist of 3,000 points at 18-2 balkline and an equal number of points at the English game. The second, open like conditions, will take place at Chicago in the gold room of the Auditorium Annex. It will begin October 12 and terminate October 17. After an interval of a week or two they will play 12,000 points in Canada. In New York and Chicago afternoon and evening games will be played. In Canada only night sessions will be scheduled. Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg are bidding for the Canadian contests.

The English games will be played on regulation size pocket tables, such as are used in British championship events. Every ball 2½ inches in diameter will be used. This will be the only departure from English standards. The Billiards Control Club of London, an organization of amateur and walker-led Lonsdale is chairman and will have exclusive jurisdiction over professional billiards. Payment of the use of balls varying from a minimum of 2-1/2 to a maximum of 23-32 inches in diameter, each set as nearly uniform as possible, so the balls which will figure in the English branch of the international events will be 1-32 of an inch in excess of the Billiards Control Club maximum.

When Inman challenged Hoppe he stipulated balls of 2½ inches diameter, the size used in the famous match at Humphrey's Hall, Knightsbridge, London, May 29 to June 3, 1893, between Frank C. Ives, American balkline champion, and John Roberts, champion of English billiards, which Ives won by 6,000 to 3,811. After articles had been signed for the international contests the Billiards Control Club and other influential British billiard enthusiasts expressed wishes to have exact standards applied. At first inclined to follow the English champion in his stipulation, Hoppe finally yielded and agreed to compromise on 2½-inch balls.

During the last ten days Hoppe has been practising the English game privately upon a table erected for him at the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company's warehouse. With Fred Ridgewell, formerly of London, as one of the best exponents of English billiards among the Englishmen here, he has made rapid progress. He now has made satisfactory progress. His daily performances have included runs of 160 and more.

Inman, who has been practising 18-2 billiards in London, is reported to have developed sufficient mastery of the game to enable him to score runs of 100 frequently. He will begin regular practice to-morrow.

The Crescent Athletic Club ran up a score past the 200 mark yesterday before declaring its innings closed with 5 wickets down, but although Richmond County had just one hour left to play it nevertheless totalled 144 for two wickets lost. The game was called. The game, which was played at Bay Ridge, will go on record therefore as a draw. Features of the Crescent batting were 53 from W. P. Jackson, 50 from G. M. Dodwell and 37 not out by J. D. Macleman. For Richmond County, Kortland was not out 48, C. L. Simpson was not out for 39 and E. G. Hull ran up 55. None of the bowlers engaged had good figures.

Free hitting on both sides characterized the Metropolitan League match between Brooklyn and Bensonhurst at Ulmer Park. Brooklyn declared for 8 wickets, with the total of 193, and Bensonhurst totalled 127 for 2 wickets when time was called, and a draw will be credited to the teams, who are tied for leadership in the league series. H. A. Meyer hit eighteen boundaries in his innings of 85, made in wonderfully short time. J. L. Poyer played more steadily and was not out for 74 when the innings terminated, while H. Meyer ran up 20. For Bensonhurst, C. E. Blades hit ten boundaries in his not out innings of 68. C. E. Marshall scored 31 before getting caught in the long field, while H. Meyer was not out with 17 to his credit. P. C. Gaultier and H. Poyer did the best bowling to their respective sides.

Kings County had no prospect in defeating Manhattan at Prospect Park, putting the opponents out for 80 and then running on a score of 125 for 5 wickets. Only H. V. Tattersall and J. H. Tattersall could do anything against the bowling of C. A. Hoye, who captured 4 wickets for 21 runs. H. V. Tattersall made top score with 40, while J. H. Tattersall ran up 25. Hoye, E. Atwood, H. Williams and C. R. Williams all made doubles for Kings County.

Although the full two innings were almost completed by both sides in the Kings County and Manhattan match in the league series, second section at Prospect Park, the victory goes to Kings County, which was eight runs ahead at the completion of the first innings. Small scoring marked the game, Kings County getting 39 and 77, Manhattan 40 and 62, 22 and 15 for 3 wickets. H. E. Gillette did some wonderful bowling taking 7 wickets for 9 runs, and J. E. Gillette was also successful with 4 wickets for 15 runs. No double figures were scored in the first innings, but at the second attempt P. R. Rodgers, R. Belgrave, J. Brown and E. C. Eve got into doubles for Kings County, while E. Driscoll and J. Hallwell did likewise for Manhattan.

The executive committee of the Metropolitan League and the New York Association have selected the players to represent the two organizations in the intercity game at Livingston, Staten Island, on July 23. The league team is composed of C. E. Marshall, D. G. Birkett, H. L. Woodroffe, J. L. Poyer, H. Poyer, H. Atwood, R. C. Moore, O. Smith, C. A. Hoye, J. C. McLaughlin. The association team is composed of B. C. Hayes, E. O. Challenger, W. S. R. Oddy, G. Scott-Dalghish, A. W. Arrowsmith, F. A. Sparks, F. A. W. Ireland, J. D. Macleman, G. M. Dodwell, F. E. Kelly and H. W. Harper.

**Big Fleet in Squadron Run.**

Long Beach, N.Y., July 18.—Details of the annual regatta of the Interclub Yacht Racing Association, under the auspices of the Long Beach Yacht Club, were arranged on Thursday night by the officials of the former organization. The regatta of the Long Beach club will be held on Saturday, August 1, and the following day a squadron run will be made to Manhattan, where the midsummer series of the Corinthian Yacht Club will be held. It is expected that more than 250 craft of various classes will be in the squadron run.

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## THE LATEST BRITISH INVASION



Melbourne Inman, champion of English billiards, who has arrived here to meet Willie Hoppe for the world's championship. Half of their contest, which begins next September, will be at 18½ balk line, and the other half English billiards.

## CRESCENTS GET OVER 200, YET ONLY DRAW

With Just Hour Left to Play, Richmond County Gets 144 for Two Wickets.

## LEAGUE LEADERS HIT HARD

Brooklyn and Bensonhurst Go at Each Other Vigorously, but Neither Can Win.

## VOSHELL GETS TENNIS BOWL.

Miss Wagner Wins New York State Championship at Utica

Utica, July 18.—S. H. Voshell of the Borough Park Tennis Club, Brooklyn, defeated E. H. Whitney of Boston, the Harvard star, for the \$1,000 McLoughlin bowl at the central New York tennis championship tournament here to-day. As a result Voshell will hold the bowl for a year. The match was played for the best three sets out of five. The scores were 5-7, 7-9, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. With the exception of Hines, 11 not out for the West Indians, and O. Deer, 18; S. Scott, 13, and E. Drayton, 19, for the Pickwicks.

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